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TOPIC Soviet Troops Departing Wittenberg, Dessau and Luebben

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REMARKS

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25X1 1. On 27 April 1954, the units in Wittenberg started entraining troops and tanks. Entrained were:

At 8:30 a.m. on 28 April: 25 T-34/85 tanks [REDACTED] 25X1  
 [REDACTED] about 50 to 60 trucks [REDACTED] about 25X1  
 12 armored personnel carriers, 2 radio trucks, and about 400 troops. The 25X1  
 unit presumably came from the Beseler Kaserne (3584).

25X1 At 3:50 p.m. on 28 April: T-34/85 tanks [REDACTED] 25X1  
 [REDACTED] 2 tank hulls, 4 x 57-mm AT guns coupled to trucks [REDACTED] 25X1  
 [REDACTED] about 18 armored personnel carriers [REDACTED] 25X1  
 [REDACTED] about 20 trucks, about 5 tank 25X1  
 trucks and mounting equipment. The loadings were presumably completed on 25X1  
 29 April. On 28 April, the Beseler Kaserne (3584) was vacant, except for a 25X1  
 rear unit of about 200 men. On 29 April, the Tautenzien Kaserne (3581) was 25X1  
 occupied by about 600 men.

25X1 2. On 28 April, the Arado installation (3582) 25X1  
 quartered about 150 men. 25X1

B-3 2. On 19 April, 9 x 57-mm AA guns were loaded onto flatcars and troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets onto a boxcar at Dessau freight station. The unit came from Kochstedt. The train left toward Rosslau at 3:30 p.m.

3. On 26 April, the following troops and materiel from the kaserne in Kochstedt (3107) and Rosslau (3401) were loaded in Dessau:

At 4:30 p.m.: 7 T-34/85 tanks [REDACTED] 25X1  
 personnel carriers, about 40 sidecar motorcycles, 1 workshop truck, 1 tank 25X1  
 truck, 5 trucks, and 15 boxcarloads of troops.

At 8:30 p.m.: 12 trucks [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED] 5 x 37-mm AA guns, 6 x 57-mm AT guns, 2 x 45-mm AT guns and 15 25X1  
 boxcarloads of troops.

The two trains left toward Rosslau 2

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4. [ ] On 20 April, the Jager Kaserne (3341) in Luebber was vacated, with only a strong guard detail remaining. No tanks and vehicles except for a truck with equipment were observed.

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1. [ ] Comment. The start of the transfer of the 6th Gds Tank Div to Werder-Markendorf on 26 April was confirmed [ ] 25X1

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2. [ ] Comment. According to [ ] the sidecar motorcycles, most of the troops entrained belonged to the 4th Gds Mtrcl Bn of the 7th Gds Tank Div carried in the Kaserne Kochstedt. The units presumably transferred to the summer camp of the division at Letzling Heath.

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3. [ ] Comment. It is believed that the 1st Tank Bn of the 9th Mech Div moved to the Forest Thauer summer camp at Lieberose training grounds. [ ] 25X1

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